

Remarks:

Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is requested. Claims 12, 18-23, 36, 38, and 41 are now in the case. Claims 1-11, 13-17, 24-35, 37, and 39-40 have been canceled.

Claim 38 has been amended to depend from a pending claim.

Applicants reserve the right to prosecute claims to cancelled subject matter in one or more continuing applications.

On the basis of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that each rejection has been addressed and overcome. Reconsideration of the application and its allowance are requested. If for any reason the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (206) 442-6752.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Enclosures:

Amendment Fee Transmittal (in duplicate)
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